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**Testimony of the Office of Chief Public Defender  
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**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE - MARCH 13, 2024**

**Raised Senate Bill No. 349**

**AN ACT CONCERNING DYSLEXIA SCREENING OF  
INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INCARCERATED**

**The Office of Chief Public Defender (OCPD) supports *Raised S.B. 349 (LCO 2387) An Act Concerning Dyslexia Screening of Individuals who are Incarcerated*, as the legislation would enhance efforts to equip individuals who are incarcerated with the knowledge, skills, abilities, and resources they need to move forward while incarcerated and upon their return to the community.**

The next best thing to an individual's avoiding the carceral system altogether is for an individual's contact with that system to result in their being equipped with knowledge, skills, abilities, and resources that support greater stability and success afterward. Insofar as this legislation is part of Connecticut's work toward that goal—a goal which benefits individuals, families, communities, and our state as a whole—this office is in strong support.

This office thanks the Committee and respectfully requests a favorable report.